[25th January 1961

II. ANNOUNCEMENT *re* :

Election of a Member of the State Library Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that—

Srimathi Mary Clubwala Jadhav, M.L.C., is the only candidate duly nominated for election to the State Library Committee. As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancy to be filled, namely, one, I hereby declare her duly elected to the State Library Committee.

III. DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS—*cont.*

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the first place I must thank you for giving me an opportunity to clarify some of the points raised by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition with regard to the administration of the Health and Medical Departments. It is true that the provision made for Medical and Public Health Departments is low, namely, Rs. 300 crores, when the total outlay of the Plan is in the order of Rs. 10,500 crores and when it is to be raised to Rs. 12,000 crores or so. So far as this State is concerned, the provision is about Rs. 41·5 for Medicine and Public Health including Water-supply Schemes. This provision has been cut down to Rs. 24·5 crores. Now the axe has fallen heavily not so much upon Medical and Public Health as on the water-supply schemes. We had provided about Rs. 27·5 crores for water-supply schemes and this has been reduced to Rs. 6·5 crores. So, it will be seen that the major cut was only in respect of the water-supply schemes and not in regard to Medical and Public Health Departments.

Sir, before the Plan for the whole country was formulated, the State Health Ministers met, months ahead of the formulation of the draft outline of the Plan, in order to impress upon the Planning Commission and the Central Government the necessity for providing a greater amount under the head 'Public Health and Medicine'. This Conference of the Health Ministers discussed all the problems arising out of the health requirements of the people and finally passed a resolution that at least 10 per cent of the total outlay should be earmarked for the Health Department. But unfortunately that did not take place and I again say the provisions under this head is very low. Now the Leader of the Opposition has said 3-20 p.m. that there is more emphasis on planning for prosperity. That seems to be so. He has also quoted Sri J. C. Ghosh in his support. He has said that Sri Ghosh considered that a cultivated mind in a healthy body is very necessary and that such a thing should be encouraged. I also agree. But the trouble is the necessity for that changed outlook is not really thought of. Therefore more men of Ghosh temperament and Ghosh outlook and also more leaders like the hon. the Leader of the Opposition should be emphasising . . .

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : In the Planning Commission?